

## FISCAL NOTE

### HB 386

April 4, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits denial of benefits for eligible individuals because they left work or were discharged due to circumstances resulting from the individual being a victim of a domestic violence offense. Provides that no employer's account shall be charged for the payment of benefits to an individual who left work due to circumstances resulting from the individual being a victim of domestic violence.

Provides that an individual shall be treated as being a victim of domestic violence if the individual provides one or more of the following:

- a restraining order or other documentation of equitable relief issued by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- a police record documenting the domestic violence;
- documentation that the perpetrator of the domestic violence has been convicted of one of more offenses that meets the elements of domestic violence.
- medical documentation of the domestic violence;
- certification form the director of a family violence shelter, that the individual is a victim of domestic violence;
- other documentation or certification of the domestic violence provided by a social worker, member of the clergy, shelter worker or other professional who has assisted the individual in dealing with the domestic violence.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

#### Other Fiscal Impact

**Increase Expenditures - Exceeds \$250,000/ Unemployment  
Insurance Trust Fund**

Estimate assumes that the average weekly wage benefit amount of these claimants would be \$209.00, and the average duration of these claims would be 13 weeks, based on November 2001 data. Estimate assumes a minimum of 100 persons would qualify for benefits as a result of the bill, resulting in additional payments from the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund in excess of \$250,000 (100 claimants x \$209.00 x 13 weeks = \$271,700).

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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